

***Report to the Governor
and the General Assembly on the
Financial Status of the Lighthouse
Preservation Special Fund***

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Summary

The Maryland Lighthouse Commission was created by the General Assembly in 1989 (Chapter 642, 1989 Laws of Maryland) and repealed in 1996. The Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund was created in 1992 (Chapter 309, 1992 Laws of Maryland) and funded primarily by private gifts and donations. The balance of the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund, including interest earned, totaled \$17,029.98.

In 1995, Governor Schaefer reserved \$150,000 of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) Historic Preservation Grant Fund specifically for lighthouse projects. This funding for lighthouses was a one-time set-aside, separate from the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund.

Grant expenditures for Maryland Lighthouse projects dating from 1988 through 1997 were previously documented in a report submitted by Orlando Ridout V, Chief of the MHT Office of Survey, Research, and Development, on July 11, 1997 to the Honorable W. Ray Huff, former Chair of the Maryland Lighthouse Commission.

What follows below is a comprehensive listing of all those projects funded with both Lighthouse Preservation Special Funds and the FY95 MHT Historic Preservation Grant Fund set aside for lighthouse projects from the period FY95 through FY00. Applications for these "Lighthouse Project Grants" were accepted from non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, business entities, and private individuals. Eligible projects included capital activities involving the acquisition, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic lighthouses in Maryland and non-capital activities including survey, education, planning or promotion of Maryland lighthouses.

Fiscal Year 1995

In Fiscal Year 1995, the following projects were approved for funding:

County	Grantee	Type of Activity	Project Description	Award
Calvert	Calvert Marine Museum	Non Capital	Engineering Assessment of Drum Point Lighthouse	\$3,134*
Statewide	Internal	Non Capital	Preparation of thematic National Register nomination for Maryland lighthouses	\$12,000
Total:				\$15,134

*This grant award was later cancelled.

Fiscal Year 1996

In Fiscal Year 1996, the following projects were approved for funding:

County	Grantee	Type of Activity	Project Description	Award
Cecil	Chesapeake City Lions Club	Non Capital	Printing of Chesapeake City Lighthouse Guide	\$1,000
Harford	Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse	Capital	O'Neill House stabilization	\$20,000
St. Mary's	County Commissioners of St. Mary's County	Capital	Piney Point Lighthouse repairs	\$20,000
St. Mary's	Friends of the St. Clements Island Museum	Non Capital	Preparation of Maryland lighthouses publication manuscript	\$10,000*
St. Mary's	Friends of the St. Clements Island Museum	Non Capital	Printing of Maryland lighthouses publication	\$40,000*
Talbot	Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum	Capital	Hooper Strait Lighthouse Restoration	\$16,300**
Total:				\$107,300

* These grants resulted in an unused balance totaling \$4,000 which was returned to the Fund.

** This grant award was later cancelled.

Fiscal Year 1997

No Lighthouse Project Grant applications were submitted for funding in Fiscal Year 1997.

Fiscal Year 1998

In Fiscal Year 1998, the following projects were approved for funding:

County	Grantee	Type of Activity	Project Description	Award
Calvert	Calvert County Commissioners	Capital	Exterior and interior rehabilitation of Cove Point Lighthouse	\$30,000
Harford	Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse	Capital	Ongoing restoration of O'Neill House	\$12,000
Total:				\$42,000

Fiscal Year 1999

In Fiscal Year 1999, the following project was approved for funding:

County	Grantee	Type of Activity	Project Description	Award
Harford	Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse	Capital	Ongoing restoration of O'Neill House	\$16,300
Total:				\$16,300

Fiscal Year 2000

No Lighthouse Project Grant applications were submitted for funding in Fiscal Year 2000.

Fiscal Year 2001

In Fiscal Year 2001, the following project was approved for funding:

County	Grantee	Type of Activity	Project Description	Award
Statewide	Maryland Office of Tourism Development	Non Capital	Maryland Lighthouses promotional package	\$10,029.98
Total:				\$10,029.98

Conclusion

Currently, unencumbered funds totaling \$10,029.98 remain in the Lighthouse Preservation Special Fund. In FY01, these funds were approved for transfer to the Maryland Office of Tourism Development (MOTD) for the creation of a brochure that will identify and locate Maryland lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay. Once these funds are transferred to MOTD, no unencumbered Lighthouse Project Grant Funds will remain in the account.